

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An extensible handle comprising:
a first elongated member having two ends, ~~and a plurality of side surfaces generally corresponding to a length of the first elongated member,~~ the first end positioned to engage a device to be operated, the first elongated member further comprising an expanded portion of increased width and a narrow portion of reduced width relative to the expanded portion;
the first elongated member further comprising at least one receptacle for receiving a restricting device through a side surface of the first elongated member; and
a hollow second elongated member ~~having a first and a second end wherein the first end has an outer end face, the second elongated member~~ positioned to receive the first elongated member, the second elongated member further including a rotatable restricting means having a plurality of slots, wherein, in order to prohibit movement in an axial direction, the restricting means is rotated so that the restricting device can not pass through the plurality of slots ~~first end is retained along a surface of the outer end face in abutting contact with the restricting device.~~
2. (Original) The handle of claim 1 wherein the restricting means has a width that is narrower than the width of the expanded portion of the first elongated member.
3. (Original) The handle of claim 1 wherein the restricting means restricts the expanded portion of the first elongated member from fully passing through both ends of the second elongated member.

4. (Original) The handle of claim 1 wherein at least one of the first elongated member and the second elongated member is comprised of at least one of metal, a composite material, a resilient plastic, and wood.

5. (Original) The handle of claim 1 wherein activation of the handle by a user activates a jacking device or dolly.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 1 wherein the restricting device comprises a pin.

8. (Currently Amended) The handle of claim 7 1 wherein the first elongated member further comprises at least two receptacles for receiving a the restricting device.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for moving an item comprising:
a base;
a supporting means positioned above the base;
an arm having two ends, the arm positioned so that one end is pivotally related to the supporting member and the other end is pivotally related to the base;
a lifting means; and
a handle comprising:
a first elongated member having two ends ~~and a plurality of side surfaces generally corresponding to a length of the first elongated member~~, the first end positioned to be received by the apparatus, the second end having an expanded portion of an increased width; the first

elongated member further comprising at least one receptacle for receiving a restricting device through a side surface of the first elongated member; and

a second elongated member ~~having a first end and a second end wherein the first end has an outer end face, the second elongated member~~ being hollow and positioned to receive the first elongate member, the second elongate member further including a rotatable restricting means having a plurality of slots, ~~a width that is narrower than the width of the expanded portion of the first elongate member~~, wherein, in order to prohibit movement in an axial direction, the restricting means is rotated so that the restricting device is not aligned with the plurality of slots ~~first end of the second elongated member is retained along a surface of the outer end face in abutting contact with the restricting device.~~

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the restricting means restricts the expanded portion of the first elongated member from fully passing through the second elongated member.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein at least one of the first and the second elongated member is comprised of at least one of metal, a resilient plastic, a composite material, and wood.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein activation of the handle by a user activates the lifting means, which in turn activates the arm and vertically moves the supporting means.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the restricting device comprises a pin.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 ~~9~~ wherein the first elongated member further includes at least two receptacles for receiving a the restricting device.

16. (Currently Amended) An extensible handle, comprising:
a first elongated member having two ends, the first end is constructed and arranged to be received into a device to be operated ~~and a plurality of side surfaces generally corresponding to a length of the first elongated member, an expanded portion of increased width, and a narrow portion of reduced width relative to the expanded portion;~~

the first elongated member further comprising at least one receptacle for receiving a restricting device through a side surface of the first elongated member; and

a hollow second elongated member having a first end and a second end wherein the first end has an outer end face, the second elongated member positioned to telescopically receive the second end of the first elongated member and further including a rotatable means for restricting having a plurality of slots and restricts ~~the expanded portion of the first elongated member from~~ fully passing through both ends of the second elongated member, wherein, in order to prohibit movement in an axial direction, the restricting means is rotated so that the restricting device is not aligned with the plurality of slots ~~the first end of the second elongated member is retained along a surface of the outer end face in abutting contact with restricting device.~~

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The handle of claim 16 wherein the first elongated member further includes a means for securing the first elongated member to a device to be operated.

20. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 16 wherein at least one of the first elongated member and the second elongated member is comprised of at least one of metal, a resilient plastic, and wood.